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SUBJECT: CSCE:CBM'S: POLISH NOTIFICATION OF TARCZA-76
(SHIELD76)

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AFFAIRS BRANCH (FLO) OF THE
GENERAL STAFF OF THE POLISH ARMY REQUESTED THE PRESENCE
OF THE EMBASSY DEFENSE ATTACHE AT A MEETING WHICH WAS
HELD ON AUGUST 19. THE POLISH SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED
THAT TARCZA-76 WOULD BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1976. ALL
ATTACHES RECEIVED AND WERE REQUESTED TO SIGN FOR THE
ANNOUNCEMENT CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 5 BELOW
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2. PRESENT WERE THE FOLLOWING ATTACHES AND POLISH OFFICERS: MAJ GEN RAICHL, CZECHOSLOVAKIA; COLONEL DINU, ROMANIA; COLONEL RANZONI, SWITZERLAND; COL CAMERON, CANADA; COL LUNDKVIST, SWEDEN; COL PENNANEN, FINLAND; LT COL MOSER, FRANCE; LT COL GRAHL, EAST GERMANY; LT TISHENKO, USSR; COL KAZMIERSKI, CHIEF OF FLO AND COL GORSKI, DEPUTY CHIEF OF FLO.

3. THE BRITISH WERE INVITED BUT NONE OF THEIR ATTACHES WAS PRESENT. THE POLISH SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE ATTACHES ACCREDITED TO POLAND AND NOT AT THE MEETING WERE EITHER AWAY OF THAT THEIR COUNTRIES WERE NOT SIGNATORIES TO THE FINAL ACT AT HELSINKI. FURTHER, THOSE ATTACHES NOT PRESENT AND WHOSE COUNTRIES ARE SIGNATORIES, WOULD RECEIVE COPIES OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH WERE BEING SENT TO RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES.

4. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, THE POLISH SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A PUBLIC PRESS RELEASE OF THE EXERCISE WOULD BE MADE ON AUGUST 20. THE ACTING EMBASSY DEFENSE ATTACHE ASKED WHETHER OBSERVERS WOULD BE INVITED TO VIEW THE EXERCISES. HE WAS TOLD THAT A LIST OF INVITEES IS BEING PREPARED AND THAT THE OBSERVERS CHOSEN WOULD BE ADVISED ON AUGUST 20. FURTHER, PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LIST OF INVITEES WOULD BE MADE AT A LATER DATE.

5. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE FOREIGN MILITARY AFFAIRS BRANCH OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE POLISH ARMY, SENDING ITS EXPRESSIONS OF RESPECT, HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE SIGNED IN HELSINKI ON AUGUST 1, 1975, AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE "DOCUMENT CONCERNING MEANS OF BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND OTHER ASPECTS OF SAFETY AND DISARMAMENT" AND TO MAKE KNOWN THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN OF THE UNITED COMMAND OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PARTICIPATORY COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW PACT, THAT FROM SEPTEMBER 9-16, 1976 ON THE TERRITORY OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC IN THE REGIONS OF BYDGOSZCZ, SZCZECIN, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND WROCLAW, JOINT EXERCISES OF THE UNITED ARMED FORCES OF THE PARTICIPATORY COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW PACT WILL TAKE PLACE UNDER THE CODE-NAME "TARCZA-76" ("SHIELD 76").

THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISES IS THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE SKILLS OF COMMANDERS, STAFF AND ARMIES.

TACTICAL UNITS AND DETACHMENTS OF GROUND AND AIR FORCES OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S ARMY OF THE GDR, THE POLISH ARMY, AND SOVIET ARMY AND THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN

PEOPLE'S ARMY WILL TAKE PART IN THE EXERCISES. IN ALL,
THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 35 THOUSAND SOLDIERS.

THE FOREIGN MILITARY AFFAIRS BRANCH OF THE GEN-
ERAL STAFF OF THE POLISH ARMY AVAILS ITSELF OF THE
OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW ITS EXPRESSION OF ITS HIGH CON-
SIDERATION. END QUOTE.

6. COMMENT: TO OUR RECOLLECTION, THIS IS THE FIRST
MANEUVER NOTIFICATION BY POLAND.

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